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TAGS: MASS, IR, US

SUBJ: CODEL DUPONT

REF: (A) TEHRAN 4905 AND (B) TEHRAN 4921

1. CODEL'S VISIT WAS REASONABLY SUCCESSFUL, WE THINK, IN SETTING FORTH FOR HIM IRANIAN POINT OF VIEW ON SECURITY AND ECONOMIC POLICY ISSUES. HE HAD MEETINGS WITH MINA OF NIOC (OIL PRICES), AMOUZEGAR (DEVELOPMENT AND ELECTIONS--MEMCON), MEHRAN (INVESTMENT IN THE US, REF B), ALAM (FOREIGN RELATIONS), TOUFANIAN (THREAT ANALYSIS, REF A), AND HEKMAT OF PLANORG (DEVELOPMENT PLANNING).

2. CODEL LEFT APPARENTLY CONVINCED THAT OIL PRICES WILL RISE AND WITH SOME QUESTIONS RE OUR SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND IRANIAN ABILITY TO MAKE EFFECTIVE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER. ON SECURITY ISSUES HE SEEMED TO QUESTION WISDOM OF INTRODUCING HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS WITH OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY IN THIS AREA. HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF WEAPONS TO THIRD COUNTRIES. HE QUESTIONED ABILITY OF IRAN TO HANDLE LARGE SCALE MILITARY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM IN VIEW OF HUMAN AND PHYSICAL IMPEDIMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT. CONGRESSMAN SEEMS TO FAVOR, HOWEVER, SOME ARRANGEMENT FOR GUARANTEEING SECURITY OF PERSIAN GULF AREA THROUGH USE OF NAVAL POWER.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT STATE AND DEFENSE OFFICERS SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO DEBRIEF CONGRESSMAN DUPONT AND TO
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ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS CONCERNS HE MAY HAVE RE OUR MILITARY

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